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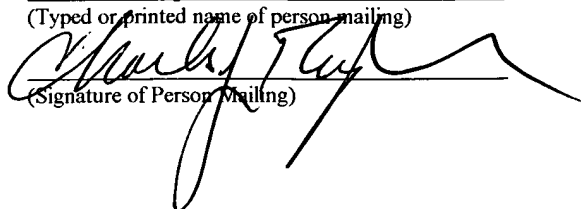
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Response to Official Action Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

The Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for an extension of time of one (1) month to January 15, 2005, for responding to the Office Action referenced herein.

In response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.